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Dr. Larry W. Davis, Dean
Graduate Studies (RS - 2047)
University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
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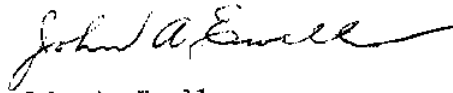
Dear Dr. Davis:

It has been my privilege to attend two colloquium talks given by Dr. Malvina Baica. The first talk was delivered at a National-Science-Foundation-sponsored conference held at Arizona State University during the spring of 1985 and the second was delivered at the International Congress of Mathematics held at the University of California, Berkeley, during the summer of 1986. Each time I was greatly impressed by her delivery. Her work concerning Units in Algebraic Number Fields is a substantial contribution to the literature of Algebraic Number Theory. You should also take under consideration that the quantity of her research (in this difficult and timeless field of Number Theory) is exceptional. Six published papers during the first five years after having received the Ph. D. - this alone should place her among the most able research scholars at your university.

In addition to being a fine scholar Dr. Baica strikes me as being a considerate person, one who would empathize with students less gifted than she. Because of this rare combination of scholarship and humane substance, Dr. Baica gets my highest recommendations for the Outstanding Research Award at UW - Whitewater.

My position here at Northern Illinois University is: Professor of Mathematics. Presently, I am also Faculty Colloquium Chairman. My interests (researchwise) are Number Theory and Combinatorics. Dr. Baica's work and my own overlap considerably in the areas of trigonometrical and combinatorial identities. Such identities quite often reveal unexpected consequences in the greater realm of mathematics and science.

Sincerely yours,



John A. Ewell